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WASHINGTON, October 21, 1982 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 16 totaled an estimated 14.8 billion ton-miles, 20.0 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 42 weeks of 1982 was an estimated 646.9 billion ton-miles, 13.0 percent below the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 16 totaled 351,597 cars, 19.3 percent below 1981, but 0.5 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 24.5 percent in the East, 20.2 percent in the South, and 14.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1981, 20 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Eleven of the 21 groups increased from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 9 totaled 41,957 cars, up 13.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1981, and 73,882 trailers and/or containers, 12.2 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 41 weeks of the year was 1,498,333 cars, 9.5 percent higher than last year, and 2,630,694 trailers and/or containers, up 6.7 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/16/82:

	Loadings in Week ended October 16, 1982		Change from Corresponding Week 1981			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	20,226	D	4,282	17.5	D	970	4.6
Other farm products	4,551	D	1,484	24.6	I	1,026	29.1
Metallic ores	13,412	D	15,431	53.5	I	2,845	26.9
Coal	113,455	D	24,211	17.6	I	2,106	1.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	9,403	D	3,639	27.9	D	475	4.8
Nonmetallic minerals	9,976	D	1,896	16.0	D	38	0.4
Grain mill products	11,974	D	2,129	15.1	D	98	0.8
Food and kindred products	13,513	D	1,477	9.9	I	99	0.7
Primary forest products	13,509	D	4,409	24.6	D	1,043	7.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,062	D	241	3.8	I	286	5.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	15,054	D	3,254	17.8	D	206	1.3
Chemicals and allied products	20,784	D	3,469	14.3	I	134	0.6
Petroleum products	4,538	D	626	12.1	I	16	0.4
Stone, clay and glass products	9,986	D	2,514	20.1	D	901	8.3
Coke	4,677	D	1,706	26.7	I	6	0.1
Metals and products	6,535	D	6,320	49.2	I	74	1.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	13,140	D	2,651	16.8	I	680	5.5
Waste and scrap materials	7,499	D	3,600	32.4	I	147	2.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	7,996	D	1,499	15.8	D	250	3.0
All other carloads	45,149	I	831	1.9	D	1,568	3.4
LCL traffic	158	D	48	23.3	D	28	15.1
Total Cars Loaded	351,597	D	84,055	19.3	I	1,842	0.5
Corresponding week of 1981	435,652						

	1982	1981	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (42 weeks)	15,190,415	17,672,421	D 14.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
41 Weeks cumulative	632.1	724.8	D 12.8
Week ended October 16	14.8	18.6	D 20.0
42 Weeks cumulative	646.9	743.3	D 13.0

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